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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SREF FERF

SUBJ: CHANGE IN FERF ADMINISTRATION

REF: STATE 162812

1. I APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S CAREFUL RECONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATION OF FAR EAST REFUGEE PROGRAM FROM HONG KONG TO GENEVA, AND FULLY UNDERSTAND CONSIDERATIONS WHICH NOW PREVENT CONTINUATION OF SUPPORTING OFFICER POSITION FOR PROGRAM AT THIS POST. AT THE SAME TIME, I CONTINUE TO BELIEVE (AND APPARENTLY GENEVA DOES, TOO) THAT THE PROPOSED WIDE SEPARATION OF FERF AREA OF OPERATION FROM ITS BASE OF CONTROL WOULD BE VERY UNSATISFACTORY ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENT.

2. AS PER DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTION (REFTEL), WE ARE CONTINUING TO HANDLE PROGRAM IN HONG KONG PENDING SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER MEETING HERE WITH OFFICERS FROM ORM AND GENEVA FOR DETAILED DISCUSSION OF ARRANGEMENTS INVOLVED IN TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITY. I RECOMMEND THAT THIS MEETING BE DEFERRED UNTIL WE HAVE SUFFICIENT TIME AFTER HART'S RETURN FROM LEAVE TO DETERMINE DEGREE TO WHICH WE MIGHT CONTINUE TO HANDLE FERF PROGRAM OF PRESENT DIMENSIONS OUT OF EXISTING POST RESOURCES.

3. LETTER SETTING OUT THESE VIEWS IN SOME DETAIL HAS BEEN SENT TO S/R.

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